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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

TAKESHI IKEDA

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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS
HAVING IRIS MEMBER AND
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February 13, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
0 340 678	EPO	November 8, 1989

REMARKS

The documents on the PTO-1449 were cited in an official communication from the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding European patent application. A copy of a Search Report indicating how those references are deemed

material to the European patent application also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

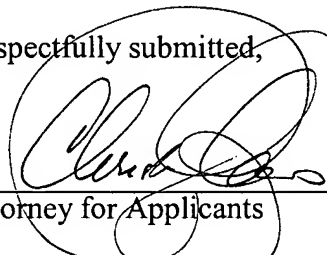
Since this paper is being submitted within three (3) months of the mailing date of the communication from the European Patent Office, and/or prior to the mailing a first Official Action on the merits in the subject application, Applicant believes that no fee is necessitated by this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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